



Brownfields Assessment Demonstration Pilot

Cleveland, OH

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Quick Reference Fact Sheet

EPA's Brownfields Economic Redevelopment Initiative is designed to empower States, communities, and other stakeholders in economic redevelopment to work together in a timely manner to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield is a site, or portion thereof, that has actual or perceived contamination and an active potential for redevelopment or reuse. Since 1995, EPA has funded more than 200 Brownfields Assessment Demonstration Pilots, at up to \$200,000 each, to support creative two-year explorations and demonstrations of brownfields solutions. The Pilots are intended to provide EPA, States, Tribes, municipalities, and communities with useful information and strategies as they continue to seek new methods to promote a unified approach to site assessment, environmental cleanup, and redevelopment.

BACKGROUND

EPA has selected the City of Cleveland for a Brownfields Pilot. This Pilot award was preceded by the Cuyahoga County Brownfields Pilot of the greater Cleveland area. Due to the efforts of the Cuyahoga County Brownfields Working Group, there is now growing interest and activity in redeveloping older portions of the City. The City of Cleveland will build on the Cuyahoga County Pilot's successes and continue revitalization efforts through a new Pilot project on the west side of the City.

The target area is located in a region that represents one-fifth of the City's total manufacturing employment base. Of the households in this region, 27% have annual incomes less than \$10,000, and unemployment has reached 12% because the manufacturing base continues to erode. The Pilot will focus its efforts on two sites within the target area: the Stockyards neighborhood and the Western-Elmwood-Berea area.

OBJECTIVES

A primary objective for the City is to create at least 10 new jobs for every brownfield acre redeveloped. As a first step in this effort, Pilot funding will be used to assess environmental contamination on six to eight sites within the targeted area. From these initial

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Cleveland, Ohio

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Profile: The Pilot targets the Stockyards neighborhood and the Western-Elmwood-Berea area, located in a region that represents one-fifth of the City's total manufacturing employment base.

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investigations, the Pilot expects to develop cleanup and redevelopment plans for approximately three of these sites. The Pilot will conduct community outreach activities to inform residents in brownfields communities about Pilot activities and to solicit their input.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Activities planned as part of this Pilot include:

- Prioritizing the 20 identified project sites in the target areas;
- Performing Phase I and II environmental assessments on six to eight priority sites;
- Holding at least three community outreach meetings designed to update affected neighborhoods about Pilot activities and to solicit residents' input; and
- Developing site cleanup and redevelopment feasibility plans.

The cooperative agreement for this Pilot has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.